# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1547
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2000
FUNDS FOR BIHAR
RAJO SINGH

**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) the total amount of funds sanctioned for Bihar during 1999-2000 and the amount released during the current financial year;

(b) whether there is any disparity in the funds sanctioned and released;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the preventive steps being taken to check the recurrence of financial crisis during the next year?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (c): The Central assistance allocated to Bihar (before the separation of Jharkhand) during 1999-2000 is Rs. 2390.27 crore and for year 2000-01, Rs. 2161.75 crores respectively. The funds released by Ministry of Finance during the year 1999- 2000 is Rs. 2216.82 crore and during 2000-01 so far is Rs. 1165.63 crores. Central Assistance as allocated to States is available for release during year. However, since funds released under Head like AIBP, EAP are based on utilisation/submission of reimbursement claim by the State Government and in some schemes, on the provision of counterpart funds by the State, Central Assistance allocated to the State may not be fully absorbed by the State.

(d) States are autonomous under the Constitution and are expected to take measures for improving their financial condition . Since the financial management of the State is primarily the responsibility of the State Govt., it is for the State Government to initiate remedial action.